**Guidelines for Participation**

Participation in the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Program is open to all students who are attending public or private schools or are enrolled in a certified home study program in grades K-12.

It is suggested that the school library/media specialist be the sponsor of the award program in a school; however, any teacher or administrator may act as sponsor.

1. Be sure to obtain the support and authorization of the principal.

2. Provide information about participating in the award program to teachers, students and parents. See additional tips in the “Ideas for Promoting the Award” section.

3. Be familiar with the books included in the master list to be sure they are acceptable with your district or school’s book selection policy.

4. Have as many of the titles available as possible. **You do not need to purchase every book on the list to participate in the program.** You may wish to purchase additional copies so that as many children as possible can be involved. Many books on the list are available in paperback.

5. You may begin the program as soon as school starts in the Fall.

6. In order to qualify to vote, students must either **read or have listened** to at least **3 books** from the list. The students have the period from the beginning of the school year through March 1 to read the books.

7. In early March, provide ballots to students so they may vote for their favorite book.

8. Participating libraries and schools should tally the votes and send the results to the Pennsylvania Young Reader’s Choice Award Committee by **MARCH 15**. Please be sure to send the number of votes **each** book received, not just the winning book at your school, USE THE VOTING REPORT FORMS AT THE CENTER OF THIS BROCHURE or download the form from the PSLA web site. (www.psla.org) or online at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDM0TDJ4ZnlMaXRYMzFEWF84X0RYVmc6MQ>

9. A certificate will be awarded to each participating school.